

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JULY 31, 1848.

Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. JOHNSON, of Louisiana, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Hair, report:

That the petition in this case not being accompanied with the slightest evidence in support of the claim, it was referred to the Commissioner of Pensions, for such information as his office might furnish in relation thereto; and the committee annex hereto, as a part of their report, the answer of the commissioner, of the 18th March, 1848, from which it appears that this claim is not supported by proper evidence.

The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be not granted.

PENSION OFFICE, March 18, 1848.

SIR: In reply to your letter of the 7th instant, in the case of Joseph Hair, whose petition is herewith returned, I have the honor to inform you that his claim has been presented to this office, and, on searching the rolls, no evidence whatever can be found of his having been in any way disabled while in the service. He alleges that he is disabled, after the lapse of thirty years, from the effects of the measles; but he has offered no proof, except his own statement, to that effect. The surgeons who have undertaken to testify in the case, can know but little of the cause of his alleged disability, except from his own statement. Unless he can produce the testimony of a commissioned officer, we cannot under our rules grant a pension. Whether he should, under these circumstances, be provided for by a special act, is for you to determine.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
F. S. EVANS,

For Commissioner of Pensions.

HON. HENRY JOHNSON,

Chairman Committee on Pensions, Senate U. S.

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Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, made the following

REPORT

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Hunt, report:

That the petition in this case not being accompanied with the highest evidence in support of the claim it was referred to the Committee on Pensions for such information as his office might furnish in relation thereto; and the committee annex hereto, as a partial report, the answer of the commission of the 18th March, 1848, from which appears that this claim is not supported by proper evidence. The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be not granted.

Session Order, March 10, 1848.

That in reply to your letter of 27th instant in the case of Joseph Hunt, whose petition is hereto returned, I have the honor to inform you that his claim has been presented to this office, and considering the rolls no evidence whatever can be found of his having been in any way disabled while in the service. He alleges that he is disabled after the lapse of thirty years from the effects of the measles; but he has offered no proof, except his own statement, to that effect. The surgeons who have undertaken to testify in the case, can know but little of the cause of his present disability, except from his own statement. There can be no testimony of a commission of a commission, unless it can be shown that there was a disease. Whether he should be granted his claim, is a matter for the consideration of the Senate.

I have the honor to be very respectfully, your obedient servant,
Hon. Alex. Johnson,
Committee on Pensions, Senate U. S.